

EXHIBIT 6

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Eric Beasley

Re: MPIA Request April 14, 2023

Dear Mr. Beasley:

The Office of the State's Attorney for Howard County (SAO) has received your request under the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA), Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. ("GP") §§101-4-601 by email on April 14, 2023. You requested all documents, emails, phone logs and electronic files created by ASA Scott Hammond from November 11, 2021 – April 14, 2023.

With the assistance of the Howard County Department of Technology and Communications, the requested emails have been retrieved. As previously mentioned, we anticipate that a significant portion will be privileged under the work-product doctrine. To make a determination whether an email contains privileged information we will need to review each one. There are a total of 140,000 emails covering your time period. We can reasonably expect to go through 200 emails per hour. Therefore, we expect the review process to take approximately 700 hours to complete. The cost for each hour of work is \$77. The total cost you would need to pay would be approximately \$53,746 after taking into consideration the 2 free hours you are given. In addition, there is a copy charge of \$.25 per page for copies of any non-privileged emails. If the actual cost is determined to be less than this amount, we will send you a refund.

Given that your request will require an extreme amount of time, we are requiring full payment before we begin this task. Please let me know if you would like to proceed.

Very truly yours,

Christopher A. Sandmann
Deputy State's Attorney